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KEY TO PROSPERITY

The business men of Appomattox should never forget that the largest market for the products of American industry is to be found on the farms of the United States.

Every farmer is a potential buyer of the products of industry. There are a lot of them in this country, and if they get their share of the national income the effect of their spending is felt in every phase of business.

Therefore, a prosperous agriculture means a prosperous economic structure for the nation as a whole.

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EISENHOWER ON STEEL TALKS

President Eisenhower has issued another warning on the talks between the steel industry and steel workers. It is evident that the President's latest warning is a serious one, reflecting determination on his part.

One of the reasons for the President's concern is the fact that gold has begun to drain out of the United States. This is almost unheard of in the United States, as far as recent years are concerned, and some people believe that it is because the price of goods in this country has risen so high that they have become priced out of the world market. Whatever the reason, it is true that gold is beginning to flow out of the United States, rather than accumulate here, and our trade balance is in reverse.

In short, we are buying more than we are selling, and this is an historical turn. In addition to this fear, President Eisenhower is worried about the cost of defense. The inflation which has constantly harassed Washington since World War II has caused the cost of defense hardware, and other defense expenditures, to increase enormously.

If these expenses continue to go up, our defense will become so expensive that we will be unable to compete with Russia. Moreover, further inflation, if too rapid, will undermine the value of the dollar to an alarming degree, and the government already finds itself having trouble borrowing money, and having to pay unusually high interest rates. Meanwhile, the taxpayer is saddled with a seven-billion dollar interest burden per year, just carrying the interest on the $280-billion national debt.

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When the holiday fever hits the office, you might as well call off the work.

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Medicine has made great progress in the past decade; people live longer, even if it costs more.

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Trade in Appomattox: Keep your money at home. You might have a chance to see it again.

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People who have nothing important to do usually occupy themselves with something they think is important.

PER CAPITA USE OF MILK DOWN

The average American isn't using as much milk and milk products as he formerly did, reports A. J. Ortego, milk marketing specialist at VPI.

Per capita use of milk products from all sources last year was equivalent to 695 pounds. About 36 pounds of this came from government surplus stocks or was paid for by government funds, such as school lunch programs, Ortego reports.

This means that the per capita use from commercial sources was the lowest on record, although total use was up slightly because of the increase in population.

Per capita consumption of creamery butter tied an all-time low last year, while the consumption of all butter (both creamery and farm-dairy) also tied the record low.

Per capita consumption of creamery buteer from commercial sources last year was 6.9 pounds, the same as the record low of 1953, and 0.3 pounds below 1957. The use of all butter remained at the record low of 8.4 pounds per capita set in 1957. Even that average was maintained only by the increased use of government butter to offset the reduction from commercial sources.

There are a few bright spots in the otherwise drab report.

Consumption of American cheese from commercial sources increased 13% per person over 1957. Production showed a slight decrease, but sales to the government were considerably less than in 1957. Ice cream consumption also showed a slight per capita increase, but other dairy items showed losses or little change.

Another bright aspect of the report is the fact that sales to the government were below that of the pervious year in terms of milk equivalent.

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[illegible] Sunday, May 19.- Mr. and [illegible] McCormick visited Mr. [illegible] Clapp, of Lynchburg [illegible] Day attended Monroe [illegible] Church and also called on [illegible] Mrs. Ernest Williams.

Mr. Ernest Ferguson continues to improve, since he has returned home from the hospital.

Mrs. Joyce Vaughan was hostess at a demonstration party in her home on Thursday. Those present were: Mrs. Lola Morris and Scotty, Mrs. Bernice Gilbert, Mrs. A . B. Evans and Alice, Mrs. Christine Harvey, Mrs. Viola Franklin, Mrs. Margaret Megginson and Margie, Mrs. Edith McCormick and Maurine, Mrs. Rachel McCormick and Mrs. Audrey Millner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson visited Mrs. Jamerson's mother and other relatives in Prospect on Sunday.

Mrs. Bobby Thomas is feeling better.

Mr .and Mrs. Spencer and daughters visited Mr .and Mrs. Charlie McCormick on Saturday evening.

The Young Adults of the Spout Spring Baptist Church had a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanley Phelps on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M .Rush and Kathy Gale visited Miss Virginia Rush in Richmond over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reynolds, of Salem.

Mr. W. A. Moon, who spent several days in Lynchburg Hospital, has returned home much improved.

Rev. William Moon, of Franktown, Va., spent Thursday night with his home people.

Mrs. R. B. McCormick and daughter, Maurine, spent the week-end in Christiansburg with her sister, Mrs. J .T. Ferguson. While there they visited Misses Frances Carson and Isabelle Coleman, of Radford College in Radford.They carried Wayne Reynolds up with them on Friday to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reynolds, who have just recently moved to Salem.

Stonewall

Stonewall, May 19.- We have had a wonderful rain and the farmers are planting their tobacco.

Dr. Twyman Williams preached ed at Stonewall Church on Sunday morning. He was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Carson.

Our community has been saddened again by the death of Mr. G. O. Thornhill, one of our most beloved men. We want to extend our deepest sympathy to all of his loved ones. He will surely be missed by all of his many friends and loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson and Mr. W. E. Bondurant Sr. visited Mr. Joe Carson on Sunday. He is on the sick list. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Tom McVetty, of Royal Oak, Michigan, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Weidman and children, of Delaware were called here last week due to the death of their uncle Mr. G .O. Thornhill. Mrs. Weidman and girls are still here with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Thornhill. Mrs. McVetty left for home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. E. L .Chick visited Mr. C. D .Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel on last Saturday night. Mr. Drinkard has been on the sick list for some time. Glad that he is getting better, and hope he will soon be real well.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and children spent Sunday at Natural Bridge with his parents.

Mrs. Irby Wheeler has been on the sick list for some time. Glad she is improving. Mrs. Bettie Wheeler and son, Brad, of Lynchburg, and Mr and Mrs. Robert Wheeler and children, of Richmond visited Mrs. Wheeler and Mr .Wheeler over the week-end.

Mrs. Owen Carson and Mrs. Warren Roberts visited Mrs. Carson's brother, Dr. Fred Drinkard, who is very sick in Raleigh, N. C. They found him back home from the hospital and improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson had as their guests Sunday evening Mr .and Mrs. Otis Gilliam, Mr. Claude Chick and Misses Lizzie and Iva Young, of Prospect.

Mrs. J. H. Beard and sons, Herman and George visited in Farmville over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Chat Chapman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence visited her parents on Sunday.

Mrs .Lester Carson visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Davidson in Virginia Baptist Hospital on yesterday. Glad she found her better, and hope she will soon be well and home.

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